GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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DISCUSSION WITH BRITISH DEFENCE SECRETARY
GANTA SRINIVASA RAO

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Secretary of State for Defence had met him recently;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir, a meeting had taken place in July, 2002 with Mr. Geoffrey Hoon, U K Secretary of State for Defence.

(b) & (c): During this visit, issues relating to defence cooperation between India and the UK were discussed.Regional and international security issues, including the scourge of international terrorism and Pakistan sponsored cross-border terrorism, were also taken up for discussion. It will not be in the national interest to give the complete details of these discussions.